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SameSex Marriage

With pride weeks now underway across the country, Metro Canada is taking a look at the state of same-sex marriages. This week we will look at same-sex marriage in Canada, the United States and around the world and introduce you to people who have gotten married, or plan to tie the knot.

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Slain Iranian marcher 'voice,' face of protest

Taped death of 27-year-old student Neda rallies community

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There is a new face to the Iranian crisis — a 27-year-old philosophy student captured on video being shot to death in Tehran while a man crouches beside her and tells her not to be afraid.

Neda Agha Soltan — whose first name means "voice" in Farsi — died on Saturday after being shot in the chest during a protest march.

Since then, graphic footage of the incident has been broadcast on TV and online, and Neda has come to symbolize the fight for equality and democracy in Iran.

Sepideh Forouzbakhsh, 28, a University of B.C. student who grew up in Iran, said when she first watched the video she couldn't stop crying.

"All the people believe she is the symbol of this movement," Forouzbakhsh said. "On Facebook, lots of us changed our profile to Neda's picture."

Forouzbakhsh said the state-run media isn't reporting on Neda's death, but some people have access to foreign news broadcasts.

Maryam Moghaddas, who lived in Iran for 22 years before moving to Vancouver, said the video has hit the Iranian community hard.

"It was awful," she said, breaking down in tears.

Moghaddas said if nothing else, Neda's video has caught the world's attention, adding she was likely to be on the minds of some of the thousands of people who attended a rally outside the Vancouver Art Gallery last night.

Silent Scream, which started on June 15, takes place every night until Thursday, in support of those who have been killed in protests in Iran.

Moghaddas said attendance has grown from a few hundred people to roughly 2,000.

She said it's important to let Iranians know they are being supported around the world, and to bring awareness here.

"We are a community," Moghaddas said.

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Ali Shamei, left, and Hosti Shamei at the Silent Screams candlelight vigil in support of oppressed Iranians at the Vancouver Art Gallery last night. More coverage, pg 6

VideoOnline

- The video of Neda Soltan's death could come to symbolize the Iranian conflict for the web generation in the same way the Pulitzer Prize-winning photo of Kim Phuc — running naked from a Napalm bomb — did for the Vietnam War.
- Find a link to the video at **metronews.ca**

DEATH Neda Agha Soltan, 27, was an Iranian philosophy student who was shot to death on Saturday during a rally in Tehran to protest the results of the recent national election.

Amateur video of the incident — which has been posted online and broadcast on TV — shows Neda taking a bullet to the chest and falling back.

Two men — one of whom is rumoured to be her father or professor — rush to her side and cover the wound with their hands while blood pours from her nose and mouth.

As onlookers scream, Neda's eyes turn blankly to the side while one of the men repeats, "Neda, don't be afraid. Neda, stay with me."

Because state-run media is not reporting on Neda's death, there are conflicting and unconfirmed reports as to who shot her, but some speculate it was a Basij militiaman passing by on a motorcycle.

According to non-Iranian media, the government forbade Neda's family from holding a funeral in a mosque, and all mosques were forbidden from holding memorial services for her.

"Police were spraying paint on the cars of those who insisted on driving toward the mosque," one witness told Reuters.

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The Tragically Hip will play their second of three back-to-back-to-back Vancouver concerts at the Orpheum Theatre tonight. The legendary Kingston, Ont., rockers take to the stage at 8 p.m. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

No repeat for Sun Eagles

Vancouver's Eastside Sun Eagles, Canada's defending street soccer champions, lost in the semifinals this weekend at a Street Soccer Canada tournament in Toronto. One of the players, Leef Evans, has been nominated to play in the Homeless World Cup, held in Milan, Italy, in September.
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Naked man steals fries

LANGLEY A naked man stole a woman's fries at a Langley Wendy's.

A restaurant attendant was passing the woman her fries when "an entirely naked male" ran between the car and the drive-thru window and stole the order, RCMP Cpl. Holly Marks said.

"He jumped into a silver van, which sped off in an unknown direction — taking her fries for the ride," Marks said.

The incident occurred at about 9:30 on Saturday night and neither the woman whose fries were taken nor the Wendy's employee were able to provide a better description of the thief, other than to say that he was a naked man in his 20s.
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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Your Money Allan Small on evidence that a long-awaited balance has finally returned to the markets at **metronews.ca/investing**
Blogs Hollywood Rants has video evidence from a tawdry union of Star Wars, Kris Kristofferson and the Osmonds
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'A celebration of my love'

Two same-sex couples discuss their plans to get married

Same Sex Marriage

ANDRE WOO
for Metro Vancouver

For Mandy Randhawa, planning her wedding has been bittersweet.

A first-generation Canadian, the Burnaby resident has resigned herself to the fact that her traditional Indian parents will not be in attendance at her same-sex union to partner Leigh Cousins next fall.

"I grew up with very liberal ideas that I got from them, but when it comes to traditions of marriage and things like that, it just seems like there's no other possibility, no tolerance," she said. "I'm really sad about it. No one from my side of the family will be there."

Cousins, who proposed to Randhawa in October after 11 years of dating, says the marriage is not only a personal affair but a social and political statement to show their hopes and dreams are no different from any other couple's.

"There's something very important and sacred about being public about it," said Randhawa. "There's this side of my family that's not happy, and they've always wanted me to be somebody else, so for me it's a celebration of my love and my choices and my life as an individual."

Aiden Callison and Jason Bower make up another same-sex couple, planning to marry next month. They, too, have received objections to their union.

"Somehow, we still have built into our society the fact that people are allowed to be rude, ignorant and disrespectful as long as they do so saying it's their religious beliefs," said Bower.

Both couples acknowledge the obstacles of the past and present while looking optimistically toward changes. Both also hope to one day adopt.

WENDY D PHOTOGRAPHY

Leigh Cousins, right, says she is "thrilled" to live in Canada, where it is possible to marry her partner of 11 years, Mandy Randhawa.

Countrywide
Preparing to tie the knot

- **HALIFAX** At a wedding this Saturday in Hammonds Plains, N.S., a jockstrap will be tossed instead of a bouquet. Despite the less traditional aspects of their wedding, Patrick Daigle, 30, and Shawn Wood, 27, have one of the most fundamental building blocks of marriage — love. "My only regret is I wish I had done it a little earlier," said Daigle, who has been with Wood for five years.
- **OTTAWA** Ariel Troster, 30, and her fiancée, Caitlyn Pascal, 29, are reflecting on human rights, and how a law allowing same-sex couples to marry made it possible for them to wed. "We're very aware of the fact that a lot of activists before us fought really hard so same-sex couples had a chance to marry," said Troster, who will marry Pascal next summer.
- **EDMONTON** Kristie Eklund, 33, and Elena Chalmers, 44, met in 2007 when they joined the Oil City Derby Girls roller derby team. The pair dropped to their knees and embraced in front of their sobbing teammates in December, when Chalmers offered Eklund an engagement ring. The pair will be married on Saturday. Chalmers said, "I'm marrying my best friend — how much better could it get?"

METRO CANADA

Stepfather to be charged with slaying of teenagers

RCMP A 66-year-old Surrey man will be charged with the murder of his teenaged stepchildren, RCMP said yesterday.

Mahendra Singh Johal is facing two charges of second-degree murder in the slaying of 17-year-old Amarjit Gill and 15-year-old brother Ranjit Gill, said RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr, a spokesman for the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

Johal is also charged with attempted murder in an attack on Sukhwinder, his 35-year-old wife. The boys' mother remained in hospital yesterday, listed in stable but critical condition.

Police would not say how the boys died. JEFF HODSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

STABBING A 19-year-old man is in critical condition after being stabbed in a fight near a school in Surrey. The incident started at Beaver Creek Elementary where a group of teens had gathered, Surrey RCMP said yesterday.

TASERS A report into the use of Tasers based on findings at the Braidwood Inquiry was delivered to Attorney General Michael de Jong yesterday. It will be publicly released after it's determined if any parts should be withheld by law.
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Rick Hansen play to be part of Cultural Olympiad
A production about Williams Lake's Rick Hansen is one of 35 projects announced yesterday as part of the 2010 Cultural Olympiad. The play about Hansen, who wheeled his way around the world to raise funds for spinal cord research, will be performed by the Manitoba Theatre for Young People. METRO VANCOUVER

'Brothel' holdup led to killing

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The city's 14th murder victim was killed during the robbery of a "defacto brothel" in a Yaletown highrise, said police yesterday as they announced the arrest of two suspects.

Justin Lam and Derick Chin Wai Wong, both 20-year-old Vancouver residents, are scheduled to appear in provincial court today charged in the stabbing death of Jeffrey Qi Feng Bian.

Lam is charged with first-degree murder and Wong is charged with manslaughter in Bian's death. Both are also charged with robbery, unlawful confinement and using an imitation firearm in an indictable offence.

In the early morning of June 11, police were called to the 18th floor condo located on Marinaside Crescent in Yaletown.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER
Supt. Rob Rothwell at police headquarters in Vancouver yesterday.

They found Bian, 29, suffering from stab wounds. He was taken to hospital, but later died. Two women were in the suite and were taken into custody for questioning.

Supt. Rob Rothwell said Bian had rented the suite for the past five months.

"We have reason to believe the suite was being operated as a massage parlour, or a defacto brothel," Rothwell said. "We also believe it was targeted for robbery for that reason."

B.C. Liberals accused of suppressing statistics

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The provincial Liberals are being accused of intentionally withholding damning welfare statistics until May 15, so the public wouldn't know about them until after the May 12 election.

NDP Leader Carole James said yesterday the statistics should have been posted on April 30.

"I don't seen any reason why you wouldn't (post them) as they do every month," she said. "The fact that the public affairs bureau (told ministry officials) that nothing should go out until after the election raises questions about why the government was keeping this information."

The statistics showed a significant rise in welfare rolls, reflecting high unemployment and resulting in extra budget pressures.

"It's clear the Campbell government put its political interests ahead of the public's right to information."
NDP Leader Carole James

"It's clear the Campbell government put its political interests ahead of the public's right to information," James said.

"The government will either have a bigger deficit, or they're going to be making large cuts. It's one or the other and I don't the think the government wanted to know that."

TransLink undecided on pulling printed schedules from bus stops

KARL YU
for Metro Vancouver

TransLink has not yet decided if it will remove printed schedules from bus stops.

News reports about the immediate demise of the printed schedules two weeks ago infuriated some commuters, but TransLink spokesman Drew Snider said they can breathe easy.

"We're not removing information tubes," Snider said. "We are just not restocking certain ones along the routes, there are only 15 per cent of the bus stops that have information tubes to begin with."

"We're not removing information tubes. We are just not restocking certain ones ... "
Drew Snider

Snider said a firm decision on the tubes and other services could come in time for the back-to-school rush."We've got a schedule change coming up in September and it's going to be a big one," he said.

"There are some new services coming in and some half services coming up in some areas and times are being changed."

Local realtor grinds out record hiking attempts for charity

KARL YU
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He isn't faster than a speeding bullet, but he attempted to climb the equivalent of 68 CN Towers.

Sebastian Albrecht is raising money for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation by trying to break the single day record for Grouse Grind attempts — he matched the record of 12 last year.

"(The foundation) is in support of abuse victims, women and children, and provides shelter homes and does educational programs to help prevent abuse," Albrecht said from a cellphone while making in his ninth ascend at about 5 p.m. yesterday.

From the bottom of the trail to the top is 2.9 kilometres and if Albrecht is successful, he will have hiked 37.7 klicks in all.

Trying to ascend the Grouse Grind once can be taxing but even more so for one who is less than 100 per cent.

"I'm starting to feel it, I'm feeling some cramps and fatigue," Albrecht said.

"I have bad knees and that is what I'm most concerned about. Last year, I couldn't really walk for a few days after and I couldn't go up or down the stairs at all."

Students find U.S. security files on drive

CYBERCRIME A group of University of British Columbia journalism students found sensitive U.S. Homeland Security information yesterday in hard drives they had purchased in Ghana for $40.

The students found the previously unknown U.S. security breach while investigating e-waste in three countries for an international reporting course. The data retrieved contains information about multimillion-dollar defence contracts between the Department of Homeland Security, the Pentagon and Northrop Grumman, a military contractor in the U.S.

Northrop Grumman is looking into how their hard drives and data ended up in Ghana, which is listed as one of the Top 10 sources of cybercrime in the world. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

CRASH A bus driver with 28 years of experience crashed into a tree in North Van and was taken to hospital yesterday, news1130.com reports. A passenger also sustained injuries but was treated and released.

SHOTS No one was injured when shots were fired at a Delta gas station Sunday night. The station was closed at the time.

FIRE Fifty firefighters who helped battle the blazes in Southwestern B.C. have been fired, CBC News Online reports. The reasons given range from safety violations to use of banned substances.

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U.S. launches aircraft over Great Lakes

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security launched another unmanned surveillance aircraft over the Canadian border yesterday, this time in the Great Lakes area, to try to stem the flow of drugs, migrants and terrorists into the country, U.S. officials told CBC News. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Newsweek demands journalist's release

Newsweek magazine is demanding that a Canadian journalist detained without charge in Tehran be immediately released. Maziar Bahari, 41, was taken by a group of men believed to be security officials from the apartment he shares with his mother in Tehran on Sunday morning, Newsweek foreign editor Nisid Hajari told CBC News. Hajari said it is not clear who is holding Bahari.

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Thomson Reuters plans withdrawl of London stock shares

ENTERPRISE Thomson Reuters Corp. plans to withdraw its shares from the London Stock Exchange, severing a key connection with Reuters' British roots.

The company, formed in 2008 when Canadian data-publishing company Thomson Corp.'s bought British news and financial information provider Reuters, said yesterday that it would also remove its shares from the Nasdaq and remain listed on the New York and Toronto exchanges.

While Thomson Reuters still has a big business in London, the merged company has a more balanced global profile than either company had on its own with big businesses in the United States, Europe and Asia. Chief executive Thomas Glocer has moved his base to New York from London.

Thomson Reuters' London listing had become problematic, said Todd Bourell, a partner at hedge fund ValueAct Capital, which owns 12 million Thomson Reuters shares in London and ranks as one of the company's largest shareholders outside of Canada's Thomson family. The family is the largest shareholder of Thomson Reuters and holds a 55 per cent voting interest. REUTERS

Ottawa **Regulating markets**

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty speaks during a news conference in Ottawa yesterday to announce steps towards a national securities regulator to oversee capital markets.

PM blasts Iran

Brute force unacceptable: Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, adopting one of the toughest lines on Iran of any Western leader, condemned yesterday what he said was Tehran's totally unacceptable use of "brute force and intimidation" to deal with protests.

Iranian state television said 10 people were killed and more than 100 wounded in demonstrations on Saturday in Tehran over a disputed June 12 presidential election.

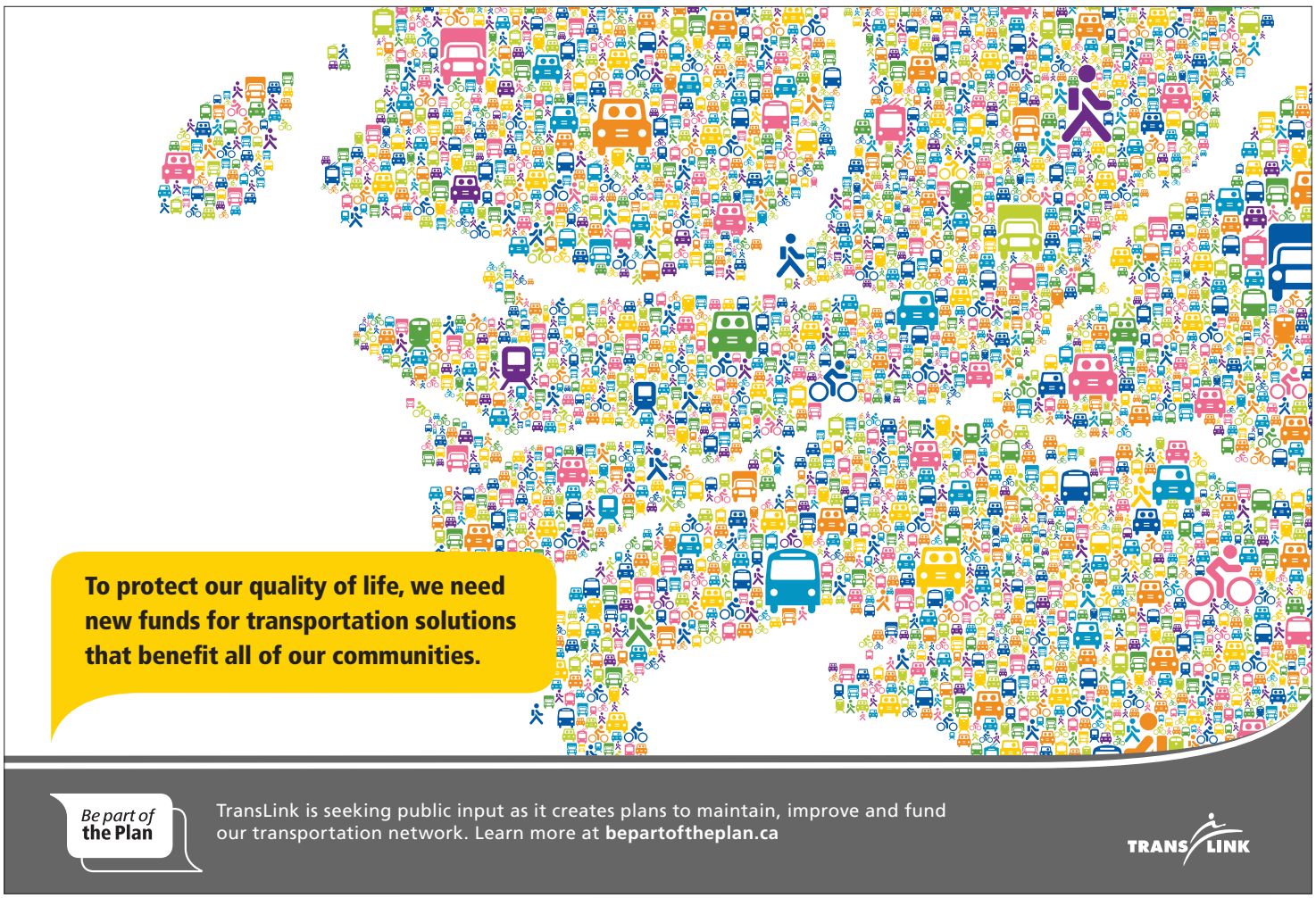
"The regime has chosen to use brute force and intimidation in responding to peaceful opposition regarding legitimate and serious allegations of electoral fraud," Harper said in a statement.

"Canada calls on the Iranian authorities to immediately cease the use of violence against their own people, to release all political prisoners and journalists ... and to conduct a full and transparent investigation into allegations of fraud in the presidential election."

In February, Harper said the Iranian regime had "an ideology that is obviously evil." REUTERS

Kazemi

- Canada's relations with Iran have been strained since 2003, when Iranian-Canadian photographer Zahra Kazemi died in custody in Tehran after being arrested.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Girl, 6, was a sudden victim

Flu **Outbreak**

HEALTH A six-year-old Ontario girl suffering from influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, died only a day after she began showing flu-like symptoms.

The child, who lived in the Toronto suburb of Brampton, died seven days ago and it was only discovered after she died that she had the swine flu virus.

The exact cause of death has not yet been determined, but the virus is known to have been a contributing factor, Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, told a news conference yesterday.

The child is the fourth Ontarian to die with the virus.

Her identity has not been made public.

Though she did not have any apparent pre-existing medical problems, the coroner's office is now trying to determine whether she had an undiagnosed condition. It's not known how the girl contracted the virus, but two members of her extended family had mild cases.

Officials are providing few details about the girl's death. It's not known exactly where she died. All King would say was that she did not die in hospital or at home.

Dr. David Mowat, medical officer of health for Peel, yesterday sent a letter to students, parents and staff at the elementary school, advising them the girl was not symptomatic when she was in class.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Flaherty fears for interest rates

FINANCE Canada expressed concern yesterday that the huge U.S. deficit will pressure interest rates.

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said he worries increased government borrowing to make up budget shortfalls, while necessary in the short term, could lead to dangerously higher interest rates.

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Air India kin in limbo

Twenty-four years after Atlantic crash, still no answers

Today marks 24 years since a Delhi-bound Air India flight left Toronto and exploded over the Atlantic Ocean.

And families of 329 victims yearn to know the story behind Canada's worst terror attack.

Yet, three years after a commission of inquiry was called into the disaster — a year and a half after public hearings ended — there are still no answers.

The inquiry has still not produced its final report.

More important, there is no hint of when it will come.

Commission counsel Mark Freiman would not take calls and directed questions to the inquiry's media spokesperson Michael Tansey.

"We still have not set a date for the release of the report," the inquiry's media spokesperson, Michael Tansey, said by email, with no further explanation.

But families want to know what government agencies knew and when, and how they failed to prevent the tragedy, or successfully prosecute the alleged bombers.

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Bathtub killing: One sister freed

CRIME One of two sisters from Mississauga, Ont., sentenced four years ago to 10 years for killing their mother will be allowed to move to a halfway house.

The woman, who cannot be identified, was granted early release so she can do university studies this fall.

The sisters were convicted in 2005 of killing their mother by drowning her in the bathtub.

The 22-year-old given early release will go to a halfway house in Barrie and take online courses with the University of Waterloo, where she has a $2,000 scholarship.

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New Nortel sale set to speed breakup

Nortel Networks could soon announce the sale of its big enterprise division.

It would be one step toward a decision to break itself apart completely instead of restructuring and emerging from bankruptcy.

Nortel, once one of the world's biggest makers of telecom equipment, said last week it would sell its CDMA and LTE wireless businesses to Nokia Siemens Networks for $650 million.

It was the first major divestiture since filing for protection in January.

The enterprise unit, which makes networks and gear for large corporate clients, is seen as a next logical candidate, said Duncan Stewart, of DSAM Consulting in Toronto.

After the wireless division, it is Nortel's biggest business unit. It had first-quarter revenue of $395 million, down 41 per cent from a year earlier, Nortel reported last month.

Carmi Levy, an independent technology analyst, said he expects "a fairly rapid-fire sequence of announcements" as the rest of the Toronto-based company is broken up. REUTERS

Nortel saga

- The 127-year-old company has been operating under court protection from creditors since January.
- At its peak, it employed more than 90,000 people worldwide. Now it has fewer than 30,000 employees.

Holy cow! Scientists breeding special bovines that burp less

ENVIRONMENT Canadian scientists are breeding a special type of cow designed to burp less.

The breakthrough could reduce a big source of greenhouse gases.

Cows are responsible for nearly three-quarters of total methane emissions, says Environment Canada.

Most of the gas comes from bovine burps, which are 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

One method being used to reduce methane emissions is feeding livestock a diet higher in energy and rich in edible oils, which ferment less than grass. REUTERS

News in brief

LITIGATION A Palestinian village in the West Bank wants a Quebec court to hear its lawsuit against two Canadian companies it alleges illegally constructed buildings on Israeli-occupied territory. Bil'in, a community of about 1,700 people northwest of Ramallah, is suing the Quebec-based companies for $2 million, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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All hail the Sun King PM

NationalReport

Information commissioner Robert Marleau resigned yesterday, saying the reasons were personal and private.

We'll take him at his word. He wasn't pushed out. He wasn't overly frustrated at being information commissioner under one of the most secretive and domineering governments the country has ever known.

Quite coincidentally, on the day he resigned the news arrived that the government regards the cost of the Afghan war a state secret and will not be revealing it. The Defence Department cited national security in refusing a request by the New Democratic Party on the costs of the war.

Imagine that. What other country, excepting authoritarian states, refuses to reveal the cost of military missions? We recall last fall when the Harper government vehemently opposed budget officer Kevin Page's decision to reveal the cost of the war. The Harper government has been at war, so to speak, with Page over this and other actions of his in which he has demonstrated a strain of independence.

His deficit forecasting, for example, has angered the government because it has been at odds with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's prophesies. His forecasting has been more accurate than Flaherty's, but that doesn't count. Page is not on the same page. He is therefore an outcast.

The resignation of Marleau comes also the day after a report appeared in the Toronto Star in which he was quoted as saying Ottawa has been failing for years to live up to promises of openness. "Static decline," he called it.

In his periodic reports to Parliament, Marleau had criticized the Harper team for blocking access to information. A prime violator, he said, was the Privy Council Office which works in tandem with the prime minister.

The pattern of the prime minister and his operatives, repeatedly criticized as being control freaks, has become increasingly apparent. In this so called democracy, any dissent, any independent challenge to its authority, will not be tolerated. Before the Conservatives came to power, the Liberals had established quite a reputation for secrecy and overcentralization of power. The Harperites promised a new era of openness and brought in their Accountability Act.

Stephen Harper

It sounded good on paper. In practice it has been largely forgotten.

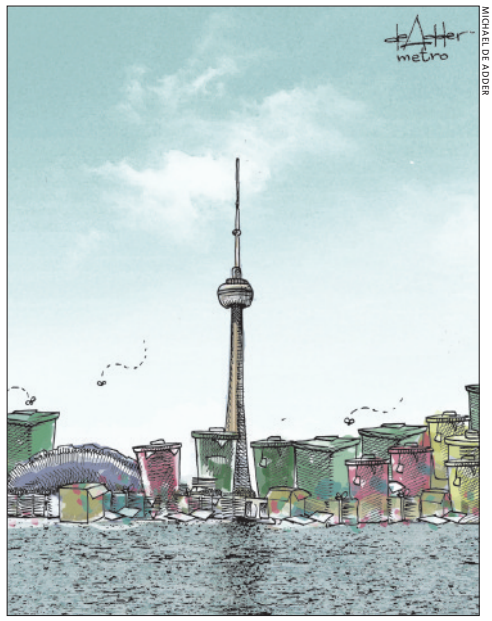
We keep thinking Harper might change.

Last week he showed some capacity for openness and power-sharing capacity when he sat down with Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff to work out some differences.

Some democratic spirit was breathed into the system. But as other developments indicate, change isn't happening.

Our PM has been jokingly referred to as the Sun King. The problem is that it's not always a joke.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



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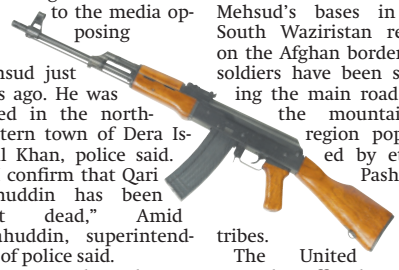
Worth mentioning

Taliban rival killed days after opposition aired

A gunman shot dead a Pakistani militant commander yesterday who was a rival to Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud, police said.

The militant commander, known as Qari Zainuddin, had given statements to the media opposing Mehsud just days ago. He was killed in the northwestern town of Dera Ismail Khan, police said.



"I confirm that Qari Zainuddin has been shot dead," Amid Salahuddin, superintendent of police said.

It was not clear who was behind the killing, he said.

Militants are split into several factions in northwest Pakistan, some of which are rivals.

The government has ordered the military to go on the offensive against Mehsud, who has been accused of a string of bomb attacks, including the assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto in 2007.

The military has launched air strikes on Mehsud's bases in the South Waziristan region on the Afghan border and soldiers have been securing the main road into the mountainous region populated by ethnic Pashtun tribes.

The United States has offered a reward of $5 million on information leading to Mehsud's location or arrest.

Suspicion is likely to focus on Mehsud for Zainuddin's murder said analysts.

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Views

The long and short of same-sex marriage

Bert Archer
Guest Columnist

Have you ever wondered how many women married each other last year? It was a big political issue for years here, and remains an enormous one in that lamentable nation to our south. And yet, it's not a number that's bandied about much. I think I know why.

In Toronto, the answer is 616. That's down 28 per cent from 2004, the first full year in which same-sex marriage was legal. The total number of marriages was down five per cent over the same period. For men, the number was 868, down the same 28 per cent since 2004. According to the 2006 census, there were 7,465 married same-sex couples in Canada. Chances are, there are still fewer than 10,000 of them, compared with more than six million of the opposite-sex variety. We changed a lot of laws to let these people marry each other, and upset a lot of people in the process — all for what's turned out to be something like 0.06 per cent of the population.

Was it all worth it?

The short answer is no. The government's only calculable interest in its constituents marrying is the production of more citizens, more taxpayers and while same-sex coupling doesn't do any harm to that formula, it doesn't help it either. So the state

should have stayed where it was, with a hand in the couplings it has an interest in, staying clear of those it doesn't.

The long answer, however, is yes. Not everything a government does can be expressed on a spreadsheet, a mistake many of us make when we moan about unbusinesslike practices. What the government did when it changed all those laws was create a different Canada. It had been a long time since we led the world. Medicare was great, and we were once Pearson's peacekeepers. But other than Céline Dion and the BlackBerry, what had we done for the world lately? Six years ago this month, we became only the third nation in the world to let same-sex couples marry.

From that point on, the rest of the world has been playing catch-up. I'd stopped going to Pride, to be honest. The whole idea seemed stuck in another decade.

But six years ago, the weekend after Pride took on a whole new meaning. I'm not going to go this year, but you can be sure my fiancé and I will be two of the proudest pups on Parliament Hill this Canada Day.

Bert Archer is a Toronto writer, journalist and author whose notion that living in New York or Paris might be cooler evaporated six years ago this month.

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Walk in the park? Tokyo looks skywards
Many Tokyo roofs have been converted into gardens. Eight years ago the city made it mandatory for new buildings to cover at least 20 per cent of space with greenery. REUTERS

World

D.C. subway trains collide, killing six

Two Washington, D.C., subway trains collided during the afternoon rush hour yesterday, killing six people and injuring 70 in a mass of tangled metal.

Mayor Adrian Fenty called the crash the deadliest in the 33-year history of the city's Metro subway system.

Fire Chief Dennis Rubin said 70 people had been treated for injuries, including at least two who were critically injured.

At least one car from one of the trains was hurled onto the top of the other train in the accident, which occurred on above-ground tracks. Emergency workers propped ladders up against train doors to rescue people. Officials said one train hit another train that had stopped, but the cause of the crash was not immediately clear.

"What happened at approximately 5:02 or 5:03 (was) one train was stopped waiting to get the order to pass because of a train stopped at the platform. The next train came up behind it and, for reasons that we do not know, collided into the back of that train," John Catoe, general manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, told reporters.

The transit authority said one of those killed was a female train operator in the trailing train. The accident trapped passengers in one or more of the subway cars.

"It just happened. There was no slowing down of the train, just a jerk," said Theroza Doshi. "There was no attempt at braking. We just slammed into whatever we slammed into."

One witness described how one train appeared to collide with — and then run up and over —the second train. REUTERS

Washington Metro

- Yesterday's accident was the first crash involving a passenger death since 1982, when three people were killed in a derailment. The Metro train system began service in 1976.

San Francisco **First lady visits**

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U.S. first lady Michelle Obama greets students after helping to construct playground equipment during her visit to an elementary School in San Francisco yesterday.

Craigslist suspect pleads not guilty

PLEA A medical student suspected of being the "Craigslist killer" pleaded not guilty yesterday to first-degree murder and six other charges related to violent attacks against women who advertised on the popular website.

Philip Markoff, 23, was indicted in a Boston court for the April murder of Julissa Brisman, a 25-year-old masseuse who advertised in the erotic services section of Craigslist.com.

Police said he struck Brisman in the head and then shot her three times at a Boston hotel. He also pleaded not guilty to charges of armed robbery and kidnapping related to an April 10 assault on another woman who advertised on Craigslist. He also faces charges for a similar attack in Rhode Island. REUTERS

News in brief

FRANCE French President Nicolas Sarkozy declared yesterday that wearing the Islamic burqa is no longer a welcome practice in France, branding the face-covering, body-length gown as a symbol of female subservience that turns women into "prisoners."

MEXICO Mexican police have arrested seven government employees for their involvement in a fire at a day-care centre this month that killed 47 children, the government said yesterday. The employees, facing charges of criminal negligence, were responsible for a warehouse where the June 5 fire started and then spread to the nearby ABC daycare centre, the state government said.

PAKISTAN About 40,000 Pakistanis are on the move even before a military offensive begins in the Taliban stronghold of South Waziristan, United Nations officials said yesterday, and are headed for communities already stretched to the limit. Nearly two million people have fled fighting in northwest Pakistan, most of them since early May when the military began an offensive against Taliban insurgents, prompting the United Nations to launch an appeal for $543 million in aid to avert a long-term humanitarian crisis.

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Possible hurricane near Mexico

Powerful tropical storm Andres churned off Mexico's Pacific coast yesterday, threatening to brush past the popular beach resort of Zihuatanejo as it builds into a hurricane, forecasters said. REUTERS

French police arrest 32 people in $135-million jewel heist

French police arrested 32 people and seized jewels on Sunday and yesterday as part of an investigation into a spectacular heist in Paris last year.

A gang of four armed men, some disguised as women, raided the famous Harry Winston jeweller near the Champs Elysees in December, making off with some 85 million euros ($135 million) worth of jewellery.

Police said 26 people, including a security guard at the jewellery shop and several known gangsters, had been placed under investigation.

They are accused of having taken part in the raid or the preparations for it, or of having helped sell the jewels.

Police also confiscated cash and weapons from the accused.

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Climate change bill's cost pegged at under $200 per U.S. home

ESTIMATE Climate change legislation pending in Congress would cost U.S. households only about $175 annually in higher energy and consumer prices, far less than the $3,100 "burden" opponents have claimed would result, according to a Congressional Budget Office estimate.

"The net annual economywide cost of the cap and trade program in 2020 would be $22 billion, or about $175 per household," the CBO, which gives Congress nonpartisan advice about the impact of legislation under consideration, said in an analysis delivered to Congress late on Friday.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee last month approved a lengthy bill that aims to lower industry emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases associated with global warming. It would do so largely through the cap and trade program, which would lower carbon pollution 17 per cent by 2020 and 83 per cent by 2050, from 2005 levels.

During a long transition period, the government would give away most of the required pollution permits. Companies that emit less than their permits allowed could sell, or trade, some of their permits to others struggling to meet environmental requirements.

Democratic leaders in the House had hoped to debate and pass the legislation this week, but with farm-state lawmakers still holding out for more changes that they say will benefit rural areas, the vote might be put off until sometime in July.

With the U.S. economy deep in recession, many lawmakers are nervous about voting for legislation that could raise energy prices as utilities, manufacturers and other companies move away from dirty fossil fuels like coal and toward more expensive alternatives such as wind and solar. REUTERS

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Jobs returns to Apple offices after medical leave

CEO Apple Inc. chief executive Steve Jobs was at the company's headquarters yesterday, underscoring speculation the pancreatic cancer survivor may have returned to work.

Jobs, who has been on medical leave since January, was seen by a Reuters reporter leaving the Apple campus in Cupertino, Calif., dressed in his trademark black turtleneck and jeans. He walked out chatting with another person before climbing into a black car that then drove off.

Speculation has mounted that Jobs could be back at work soon, fueled in part by a Wall Street Journal article last weekend that said the CEO had a liver transplant two months ago.

Yesterday, Jobs, 54, was also cited in an Apple press release for the first time in months, triggering talk that the man considered the visionary behind Apple's innovation machine had returned from his leave of absence.

"This is the first time we've heard from Steve Jobs since he reported he was taking medical leave," said Oppenheimer & Co analyst Yair Reiner. "It's a sign Apple has its CEO back."

Apple said in the release that it had sold more than 1 million of its newest iPhone 3GS in the first three days of launch, beating analysts' expectations.

REUTERS

Israel's richest women says she gets messages 'from above'

VISIONS Shari Arison, Israel's richest woman and the controlling shareholder of the country's second-largest bank, said on Sunday she has visions and receives messages "from above," but they do not influence the management of her companies.

Arison set off an uproar in Israel after she revealed that information in an interview with Channel Two broadcast late on Saturday.

"I get a picture, I can feel it. If it's fire, I feel like I'm burning. If people are dying I feel pain," she confirmed in an interview with Reuters.

The Israeli-American Arison along with her brother inherited billions of dollars from her late father Ted Arison, who founded Carnival Corp, the world's biggest cruise ship operator.

She is the controlling shareholder in Bank Hapoalim and controls Housing and Construction, Israel's biggest construction company.

She said these visions are meant to help lead the world elsewhere. To this end, she is releasing her first book this week, entitled Birth: When the Spiritual and the Material Come Together, which details her journey both spiritually and in business.

She stressed that her visions do not interfere with the running of Hapoalim, in which she has no active role.

"The bank is managed very professionally, there's a chairman and a board and everything is done according to law. It's not my visions that run the bank, that's ridiculous ... there's nothing to be worried about," she said.

Shares of Hapoalim, Israel's second-largest bank, rose 1.6 per cent on Sunday.

"When I talk about a vision in business I am talking about you can have a profit, you should be professional but you can give added value," Arison said.

The central bank declined to comment on Arison's remarks and said she has not been contacted by them since the interview was aired.

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Top U.S. court gives firm go-ahead to dump waste in Alaska lake
In a closely watched environmental case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled yesterday for Coeur d'Alene Mines Corp. by upholding a permit that will allow its Alaska gold mine to deposit rock waste into a lake. REUTERS

U.S. asks China to scrap plan for curbs on Internet access

CENSORSHIP The U.S. wants China to revoke its order that software filters be installed on new personal computers starting July 1.

Critics say China will use the filter, known as "Green Dam," to tighten censorship of the Internet, but China says it is meant to block pornography.

Some Internet users in China are urging people to stay offline on July 1 to protest the rule.

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High life beats the cash crunch

Despite the worldwide recession, India's wealthy are downing premium beers and revving up their super-luxury cars.

The financial crisis has hit Asia's third-largest economy hard, more than halving the number of billionaires to 24.

But business is upbeat about prospects for sporty cars and luxury holidays.

"There's nothing like a spin in one of these beauties to make you feel better," said Hormazd Sorabjee, editor of Autocar magazine, pointing to a flaming red Ferrari and a bright orange Lamborghini outside a stylish restaurant.

Audi has opened a 10,000-square-foot showroom in Mumbai, not far from a showroom for Rolls Royce and a new one for Jaguar and Land Rover.

Consumption of beer in India is also on the rise.

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Obama hails drug discount program for elderly

U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday hailed a deal with U.S. drug companies to cut prescription costs for the elderly, a move that could help him drive his ambitious health-care reforms through Congress. The drug deal offers $80 billion US in prescription discounts over 10 years. REUTERS

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Air Canada reaches deal with last union

Agreement crucial for securing financing

Air Canada reached a tentative labour agreement yesterday with its last hold-out union, removing an important obstacle in the cash-strapped airline's bid to line up financing to stave off bankruptcy.

With the help of two mediators, Air Canada and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, which represents 6,700 flight attendants at the airline, agreed to extend their collective labour agreement for 21 months — the same deal Air Canada struck with its four other unions.

But an analyst said labour peace is just one of several boxes the airline needs to check off to avoid filing for bankruptcy for the second time in six years.

"As of now they are not out of the woods yet. The labour agreement is just the first step in a multi-step process," Research Capital analyst Jacques Kavafian said.

Key to Air Canada's future is raising fresh financing to pay off debt. The airline has repeatedly said lenders require labour peace before they will consider loans, so its move to extend all its union contracts was crucial.

Another important prong will be how well the airline performs financially over the important summer vacation period.

Kavafian said that June "will probably not be a good month," but that July and August could be pretty good" based on advance bookings and prices.

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Moratorium

- Air Canada has also reached agreements with all five of its unions on a 21-month moratorium on funding a $2.9-billion shortfall in its pension plan.

Toronto City employees strike

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Canadian Union of Public Employees members Goretti Giannetta and Christian Giles picket in front of city hall in Toronto yesterday. Toronto garbage collectors, day-care workers and other municipal employees went on strike just after midnight yesterday in a contract dispute that could lead to a prolonged shutdown of important services.

Few strides in capital markets for women

STUDY There has been no rise in the number of women working in key parts of Canadian capital markets since the start of the decade, a study released yesterday showed, despite robust growth in the industry and efforts to ensure more female representation.

Men continue to outnumber women four to one in all positions — excluding administrators — in a financial sector that ranges from brokerages to underwriting.

"It was a disappointment," said Martha Fell, chief executive of Women in Capital Markets, a non-profit organization that promotes the entry, advancement and development of women in the capital markets. The group commissioned the study to benchmark 2008.

There has been robust growth in the industry overall recently — the number of people in capital markets was up 12 per cent in 2008 from 2005 — but the percentage of women represented has barely changed.

The study showed the overall percentage of women in the investment dealer and retail private client business lines was up slightly at 39 per cent in 2008 from 37 per cent in 2000. Between 2005-2008, the figure was unchanged at 39 per cent. REUTERS

Business in brief

OILSANDS Enbridge Inc. said yesterday it won the right to build a pipeline system serving Imperial Oil Ltd.'s Kearl oilsands project, though the cost and size of the line have yet to be finalized. A spokeswoman for the company said the project would likely be built in phases.

BRANDS The U.S. recession is taking a bite out of national brand loyalty in products ranging from Advil pain reliever to Jif peanut butter, according to a study released yesterday. Just four out of 10 brands held on to at least half of their highly loyal customers from 2007 to 2008, according to the Pointer Media Network. REUTERS

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Loyalty sexier than ever

It's all about strategic shopping and stretching the buck — reward programs are spreading the love

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Shop where your loyalty card is honoured and use both your member card and the credit card.

I've been a big fan of loyalty programs since my dad religiously collected Canadian Tire money in shoeboxes in his closet.

You might not think of it this way but that retail funny money was an early form of a loyalty program.

These days the trouble with reward\loyalty cards is they tend to proliferate in your wallet. And if you clean it out the one you need ends up missing at the checkout. The other downside to the loyalty business is that retail and travel love affairs end just like human ones. If you're invested in a single store, hotel or airline and decide to switch your affections all that loyalty goes out the window.

The recession lesson, in terms of loyalty programs, is to consolidate your spending devotion and pick one, preferably attached to a credit card. Use the card for all your everyday purchases like groceries, gas and pharmacy items. Pay off the balance monthly and you will reap the reward awards and enjoy an enhanced credit rating. But don't get carried away and buy stuff you don't need solely to get the loyalty reward.

Personally, I like Air Miles because there are over 100 sponsors and thousands of rewards so you are not stuck with one hotel or airline. But whichever loyalty program you choose, be sure to take full advantage.

Shop where the loyalty card is honoured and use both your member card and the credit card to double dip.

In the case of Air Miles, the only way to get the additional bonus points offered is to use both your blue or gold Air Miles card plus the loyalty credit card. I call that the Triple Threat Trick.

Learning how to be a savvy spender will pay huge dividends far beyond this difficult economic period.

For example, you can consider all those reward miles as an emergency bank account to pay for an unexpected trip or replace a broken appliance. In the end it's all about strategic shopping and stretching the buck.

Alison's Money Rule:

- Learning how to be a savvy spender with a loyalty program can pay huge dividends far beyond this difficult economic period.

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WATER BILLS If you own your water heater or rent it from a utility, now may be an excellent time to consider replacing an older unit with a new, energy-efficient model.

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Purchasing or renting a qualifying energy-efficient water heater can make you eligible for a grant under the ecoENERGY — Retrofit Homes program, which offsets the cost of measures that reduce a home's energy consumption and provide for a cleaner environment (visit ecoaction.gc.ca/homes for more information).

Alternatively, you may be able to include a new water heater in a renovation project that qualifies for the new Home Renovation Tax Credit (visit cra-arc.gc.ca for more information). Selecting an energy-efficient model is easy, now that water heaters are included in the ENERGY STAR initiative in Canada. To qualify for the ENERGY STAR symbol, water heaters and other types of equipment must be among the top energy performers on the market.

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Fehr set to retire

Donald Fehr is retiring as head of the baseball players' association after more than a quarter-century in charge of the powerful labour union. Fehr, who turns 61 next month, said yesterday he will retire no later than the end of March. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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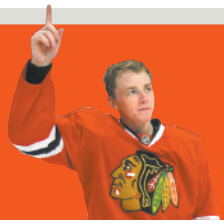

Cover boy Kane

Chicago Blackhawks winger Patrick Kane, left, is the new cover boy of EA Sports made-in-Vancouver NHL 10 video game. Kane follows in the footsteps of Calgary Flames defenceman Dion Phaneuf, who was on the 2009 cover. Alex Ovechkin is featured on the cover of the rival 2K Sports game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Gbeke gets Gold Cup call

SOCCER Vancouver Whitecaps FC, in conjunction with the Canadian Soccer Association, announced today that striker Charles Gbeke has been called up to Canada's men's national team for the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Gbeke is included in interim coach Stephen Hart's squad, as Canada begins its Gold Cup campaign against Jamaica in Los Angeles, Calif., on July 3. The call-up comes after Gbeke earned two caps during 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying last year.

The six-foot-two, 210-pound striker came on as a substitute in time added on during a 2-2 draw with Mexico in Edmonton on Oct. 15. He then played a full 90 minutes in Canada's 3-0 away defeat to Jamaica on Nov. 19.

Gbeke made his international debut for Canada in a 1-0 away victory over Martinique on Jan. 30, 2008. He also started and scored for Canada in a 2-0 friendly win over Danish club Vejle Boldklub on Feb. 3, 2008.

Canada's roster also includes three former Whitecaps in Adrian Cann (2006–08), Kevin Harmse (2005–06), and Chris Pozniak (2008).

The biennial confederation championship runs from July 3 to 26 in the United States. Canada's first three matches are July 3 against Jamaica in Los Angeles; July 7 against El Salvador in Columbus, Ohio, and July 10 against Costa Rica in Miami.

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Glover wins U.S. Open

Lucas Glover stayed rock steady to hold off thrilling charges by fellow Americans Phil Mickelson and David Duval and claim his first major title at the weather-delayed U.S. Open yesterday.

Five strokes ahead of the field overnight with compatriot Ricky Barnes, Glover closed with a three-over-par 73 at a blustery and overcast Bethpage Black to triumph by two shots.

The 29-year-old, whose only previous PGA Tour victory came at the 2005 Disney Classic, kept his composure in nerve-jangling conditions to post a four-under total of 276.

"It was a test of patience today," a beaming Glover said after earning the winner's cheque for $1.35 million. "It was tough. The golf course played fantastic but it was just hard today.

"I was pretty nervous coming down the stretch and 16 obviously was huge," he added, referring to a six-foot putt there for his only birdie of the day. "I hit the shots today that I had to hit in the situation."

Tour rookie Barnes, like Glover a qualifier, slid out of contention with five bogeys in seven holes from the fifth on the way to a 76 and a tie for second place.

Also at two under were three-times major winner and crowd favourite Mickelson, who carded a topsy-turvy 70, and former world number one Duval, after a five-birdie 71.

"I put myself in a great position to close it out, but unfortunately I didn't finish it off," Mickelson said after claiming a record fifth runner-up spot at the U.S. Open.

"Certainly I'm disappointed but, now that it's over, I've got more important things going on."

Mickelson's wife Amy, diagnosed with breast cancer last month, is scheduled to start treatment on July 1.

Triple champion and holder Tiger Woods, who failed to make the most of his birdie opportunities all week, closed with a one-under-par 69 to tie for sixth at level-par 280.

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MIKE SEGAR/REUTERS

Lucas Glover kisses the trophy after winning the U.S. Open championship yesterday in Farmingdale, New York.

Canadian scores

- Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., and Stephen Ames of Calgary finished tied for 10th at 2-over.
- Amateur Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, B.C., finished as the low amateur with an 8-over 288 total.

Federer wins, Canadians lose as Wimbledon opens

TENNIS Roger Federer turned up at Wimbledon yesterday resembling an army general ready to conduct his latest campaign and soon disarmed the opposition on the opening day of the grasscourt championships.

The Swiss strolled on court in a white monogrammed military-style outfit, complete with a waistcoat underneath, and was soon firing winners past Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun to secure a 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 win in the first round.

Aleksandra Wozniak, the Blainville, Que., native seeded No. 23, lost 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to the 43rd-ranked Francesca Schiavone.

Fellow Canadian Frank Dancevic also lost, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3 to Belgian Steve Darcis.

Wimbledon's famed lawns became slippery like an ice rink later in the day as Novak Djokovic and Julien Benneteau skidded on the slick surface before the Serbian No. 4 seed won 6-7, 7-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Federer had the honour of opening Centre Court proceedings, a privilege usually reserved for the champion, after his great rival Rafael Nadal pulled out with a knee injury.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

COYOTES A bankruptcy judge has moved up the deadline for the proposed sale of the Phoenix Coyotes to a local owner to Aug. 5. Chicago Bulls and White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf promised a bid in a hearing yesterday that would keep the team in Arizona.

SOCCER South Africa came under heavy criticism over security fears yesterday amid mounting reports of crime striking players and fans during the Confederations Cup. Police are investigating claims that the Johannesburg hotel rooms of five Egyptian players were robbed of about $2,000US, while Brazil said cash and a jacket were also stolen from two of their rooms in Pretoria.

HOCKEY The Colorado Avalanche signed forward Cody McLeod to a three-year contract yesterday. McLeod had 15 goals and five assists in what was his first full season in the NHL last year. The 24-year-old native of Binscarth, Man., garnered 162 penalty minutes during the 2008-09 season in 79 games, becoming only the second player in franchise history to collect at least 15 goals and 150 PIM in a single season.

SUSPENSION Oakland Athletics minor league outfielder Larry Cobb has been suspended for 50 games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug. The 23-year-old Cobb tested positive for amphetamines in violation of the minor league drug program.

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Sitting pretty

Retail market addressing men's interest in skin care and grooming products

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Although terms like "metrosexual" are fading from use — thank goodness — men today are definitely showing more interest in skin care and grooming. So much interest, in fact, that the cosmetics industry has identified the male market as an area of future growth.

Believe it or not, rap star 50 Cent is reportedly developing a skin care line for men and Holt Renfrew has launched professional facial services for its male clients.

Meanwhile, Grey's Anatomy star Patrick Dempsey is on deck for spokesperson duty at L'Oréal and even Kiehl's is donating all net proceeds from one of its biodegradable body cleanser products in exchange for an endorsement from actor Brad Pitt — even though Pitt won't appear on the bottle or in any advertisements.

For men, the interest is good news. Retailers are understanding more about the way men like to shop and more attention is being paid to product quality. All-in-one convenience products, moisturizers for men and lighter texture sunscreens are just a few of the growing number of items that can be found.

What's interesting and somewhat surprising, says Dave Lackie, editor of Cosmetics Magazine, is the take-off of demand and interest in anti-aging products for men.

"Ten years ago, the bestselling items in the skin care lines were shave creams and aftershaves. Today, they're all anti-aging products — firming, eye creams. Anything that targets wrinkles has been a surprise hit."

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Dave Lackie, editor of Cosmetics Magazine

He says there are two trends driving this interest: Boomers want to beat perceived ageism issues in the workforce and younger men — "a new generation of guys who are very image conscious" — are becoming interested in treatments, the luxe lifestyle and the whole experience of looking good. "There is a whole new group of consumers coming in that are open to this," says Lackie.

Shoppers Drug Mart representative Tammy Smitham agrees. Nowadays, she says, those men who are buying skin care products tend to be younger, but there is also a growing group of older customers interested in all of the same products typically associated with women's skin care. "The first purchase might have been made by a woman, but the next purchase is being made by the man — they're replenishing now. I even hear stories where men are actually borrowing their wife's skin care products," she laughs.

Left, Rap star 50 Cent is reportedly developing a skin care line for men; Kiehl's is donating 100 per cent of net proceeds from one of its biodegradable body cleansing products in exchange for an endorsement from actor Brad Pitt.

Lessons from 'gay' birds and bees

The J Spot

Birds do it, bees do it, and apparently giraffes, dolphins and elephants do it too. The "it" being engaging in homosexual behaviour.

A new study by California scientists published in the journal Trends in Ecology & Evolution claims that same-sex coupling occurs in virtually all existing animal species.

The idea of homosexuality among animals is controversial because it doesn't jibe with the biological imperative given same-sex couplings can't reproduce.

But, in some cases, like that of Laysan albatrosses, if a male-female pair produces eggs and "dad" dies or takes off, another female often steps in to help raise the chicks, increasing their chances of survival. In other cases, it seems like more of a time killer, as with male Bottlenose dolphins that engage in sexual play with other males until the female is sexually mature and ready for action.

Still, despite the evidence, researchers who support the existence of homosexuality among animals are often accused of having an agenda, using the presence of homosexuality in animals to justify it among humans.

But Canadian biologist Bruce Bagemihl, author of Biological Exuberance: Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity emphasizes the opposite. "It's too easy to say, because homosexuality occurs in animals, it must be natural in people," he explains. "Animals do many things we wouldn't consider acceptable behaviour in people — rape, incest and so on."

And, as Bagemihl's research reveals, while there may be an explanation for homosexual behaviour in one species, no general explanation applies. "I think we need to re-examine why we're looking for an explanation in the first place," he says. "Maybe, for example, they're just having fun."

The whole question of sexual pleasure is tough for zoologists to deal with," adds Bagemihl. "There is a continuum of sexual expression in the animal world that includes heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality and everything in between. Why can't we see this behaviour as a natural variation in sexual expression?"

Biologists are divided about whether sexual behaviour in animal species casts any scientific light on human homosexuality, columnist Josey Vogels writes.

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Scent of a man

Men have long embraced the fragrance industry

KATE McCAFFERY
For Metro Canada

Fragrance is one area where the beauty industry has a long history of targeting men — for the majority, in fact, fragrance is one of the first "beauty" products a man will buy.

Statistics show the average Canadian guy has three fragrances in his bathroom. Given the sheer number of fragrances available though — traditional scent staples, seasonal and limited editions, not to mention the range of smell strengths found in different products from the same line — it's not at all surprising that choosing one can be a daunting task.

Choosing a new fragrance though is a task that might be worth undertaking, particularly if your scent is more than a few years old. (Provided you store fragrances in a cool, dry place, they should be good for at least two to three years. Some can last even longer, depending on the quality of ingredients used).

It is commonly known that fragrances can smell different, depending on who wears the smell. Many don't know, however, that there are more than nine different scent families that colognes and sprays typically come from.

Where one might be more aromatic, another could be a floral citrus blend while a third smells more like tobacco or leather.

"Remember what you've worn in the past, what you've liked and what you've disliked," says Tammy Smitham, director of communications and corporate affairs at Shoppers Drug Mart.

For women interested in purchasing a perfume for a man, she says it's also a good idea to start with smells you've liked in the past, even if you haven't smelled them on the person for whom the gift or purchase is intended for.

"Go with what you like," she says. "That's probably my number one advice. It's something you're going to be smelling, probably every day, so make sure you like it."

If sampling in-store is a problem, it's worth knowing that nearly all cosmeticians stock alcohol wipes that can be used to remove scents that don't jive with your plans for later in the day.

How to choose a fragrance

When choosing a new scent, there are a number of suggestions to keep in mind:

- Remember what you've worn in the past. This will help the cosmetician make recommendations.
- Spray the smell on your inner wrist. The top of your hand is a dry area that won't give the truest smell later on.
- Wait until the smell dries. "When you spray it right out of the bottle, you're getting more of the top notes and the alcohol concentration," says director of communications and corporate affairs at Shoppers Drug Mart. "Once it dries up, that's what the scent will really smell like."
- Never try more than three in one visit — this overwhelms the senses. "You're not going to be able to distinguish any longer between the scents."
- Know your price range.
- Think about where you will wear the smell. Will a woodsy scent work during the hot summer months? How about at the office? In one context a smell can be offensive. In others, at night or at a club, it can be barely noticeable.

KATE MCCAFFERY/ FOR METRO CANADA

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Chef takes hard look at food habits

CELIA MILNE
for Metro Canada

GETTY IMAGES

Jamie Oliver's new show Eat to Save Your Life begins on the Food Network this Sunday.

Are you eating yourself to death? If you'd like to see a dramatic depiction of what high-fat, high-sugar food is doing inside our bodies, watch Jamie Oliver's Eat to Save Your Life. The bonus: You'll learn how to change your eating habits.

The show is a remarkably hard-hitting look at how regular convenience foods like hamburgers, pizza and fried foods are taking years off our lives. Using 18 ordinary British volunteers, renowned foodie Oliver, along with physician Dr. Cath Spencer-Smith, illustrates what the average Western diet does to our bodies.

Oliver warns the audience that they might find part of the show "gross." Indeed, to graphically illustrate the importance of fibre, a wagon is rolled out onto the stage. On it is a brown mound — a model of what five years' worth of bowel movements from the average Ugandan would look like. In another wagon, they show how much Dan, one of the volunteers, would be expected to produce in five years (based on a sample he provided) – and the pile is significantly smaller.

Dr. Spencer-Smith describes why our colons are healthier if we eat more fibre. Then nutritionist Jane Clarke explains how to achieve that: By eating more prunes, peas, beans, and oatmeal, and exercising more.

The one-hour show airs on the Food Network on Sunday June 28 at 7 pm ET.

Health in brief

SUNBLOCK It's not very sexy or high-tech ... but if you don't want your skin to end up looking like an old boot, slathering on sunblock year-round is a key consideration. Not sure what to wear? A few that caught our eye: Neutrogena Ultra Sheer Dry-Touch Sunblock SPF 85, RoC Minesol Lipstick SPF 20, Ombrelle Kids Protection Milk XL SPF 60 and Coppertone Sport SPF 15.

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Nip/Tuck cancelled

Nip/Tuck has been cancelled after 100 episodes. The quirky plastic surgery drama, starring Dylan Walsh and Julian McMahon, debuted in 2003 and became an instant critical and ratings hit in America. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

New role

Britney Spears is set to star in a new movie. The singer is in talks to star in The Yellow Star of Sophia and Eton, which is set during the Second World War. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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DVD picks

Crossing Over

Director: Wayne Kramer

HARRISON FORD'S artistic losing streak continues with this muddled immigration drama that makes Crash look like some kind of masterpiece. He's Max Brogan, a veteran agent for the U.S. department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Los Angeles, and also the butt of jokes for his bleeding-heart approach to every border jumper and refugee claimant. Max gets swept away by sympathy for a Mexican single mom (Alice Braga) who is about to be deported, along with her young son. Others, meanwhile, are trying to beat the system — atheist folk singer Gavin (Jim Sturgess) tries to bluff his way into America via a religious exemption; erstwhile actress Claire (Alice Eve) reluctantly agrees to sleep her way in. She becomes prey for a scuzzball green card adjudicator (Ray Liotta), who is married to an immigration attorney (Ashley Judd). Crossing Over plays like an overripe pilot for a failed TV series. There are no extras.

Confessions of a Shopaholic

Director: P.J. Hogan

EVEN IF THE economy hadn't melted down shortly after filming wrapped up, this sad excuse for comedy would still have seemed like an exercise in, "What were they thinking?" The unfunny Isla Fisher plays the charge-happy Rebecca in P.J. Hogan's dull adaptation of the Sophie Kinsella bestseller. Rebecca's three biggest problems are idiocy, greed and poverty, yet they prove no impediment to her landing a job at a money magazine advising people on how best to save. Hugh Dancy is the supposedly smart mag editor who thinks Rebecca shows promise in both the love and loot departments. John Goodman, Joan Cusack and Kristin Scott Thomas are equally blind. Hogan used to make really funny movies like Muriel's Wedding and My Best Friend's Wedding, but that was so last century ago. Extras include deleted scenes, a bloopers real and the music video Stuck With Each Other.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

Not one of the family

Abigail Breslin plays girl conceived to harvest body parts

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Thirteen-year-old Oscar nominee Abigail Breslin was anxious to get to lunch during a Canada media stopover for the film My Sister's Keeper.

She's approaching the end of a three month strict "no-clothes buying spending diet" imposed by her father. She is scheduled to have lunch at a mall and its only mid-June. The diet doesn't end until July 1.

"Oh yes!" she assures. "He never said anything about shoes or jewelry or purses, he just said clothes. That's a very limited arena."

Breslin's film, based on Jodi Picoult's novel, looks at the damage caused by a mother's obsessive fight to keep alive a daughter gravely ill with leukemia. Breslin plays the second daughter who was scientifically conceived and altered to be a source of body tissue and organ donations for her older sister's procedures.

Breslin's character decides she's had enough, and sues her parents for medical emancipation.

"It teaches us a lot. What you have today you might not have tomorrow. It also shows that the whole family does love each other. It's definitely a hard situation to be in to have to decide what to do. Every situation in the movie is hard and my character, she's between her sister and her family and that is definitely hard," Breslin says.

Abigail Breslin stars in the new film My Sister's Keeper.

"I see the mother's point of view," she continues. "That's one of the things I liked about the movie. There are no real bad guys, everybody's doing what they think is right and best and not trying to do anything bad."

Breslin's sunny face darkens ever so slightly. "People tell me they wept watching it. Well, I cried making it. It's definitely a hard movie to watch but at the end of the day, it's about a family who, even though they are disconnected, they still love each other.

"It's definitely a hard movie to watch but at the end of the day, it's about a family who even though they are disconnected they still love each other." Abigail Breslin

"That's really important. It makes you think, it taught me not to take anything for granted, especially health. It shows what a really horrible disease cancer is. And one day I want to be able to say it used to be but it's not any more."

There are some less heavy roles on Breslin's horizon, including the animated features The Wild Bunch, Rango and Quantum Quest: A Cassini Space Odyssey, along with horror-comedy Zombieland.

The young actress is quick to change back to cheerier subjects.

"I definitely like acting, and I like fashion, I like clothes," Breslin says. "And I'm double-jointed."

With that, she bends her thumb right up against her wrist, then jumps up, turns her high-heeled feet in opposite directions and walks, one foot facing completely backwards.

My Sister's Keeper opens in theatres on Friday.

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Teen Wolf 2?
Talk of a possible Teen Wolf remake is back. Warner Bros. is reportedly sniffing out some writers for a fresh take on the tale of high school basketball player who turns into a werewolf. Michael J Fox appeared in the original. IMDB.COM

Idol champ comes into her own

Jordin Sparks' second disc drops July 21

Even Jordin Sparks knows how giddy she sounds. As the 19-year-old American Idol champ rattles off a list of favourite tracks from her new album Battlefield —due out July 21 on 19 Recordings/Jive Records — her excitement is contagious.

"I can't wait for you to hear them," she says. "I'm sure you can hear the smile in my voice."

There are plenty of reasons why Sparks is so happy. She's been able to give her second set more attention than her 2007 self-titled debut, which was recorded in four weeks and rushed to stores soon after the Phoenix, Ark., native won American Idol. That album sold one million copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

This time, Sparks spent four months writing and recording, entering the studio in January. "I knew I'd be able to get more involved because we had the time," Sparks says. "It's an amazing feeling to put my experiences on paper, and all of a sudden it becomes a song."

JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES FOR VH1

Signer Jordin Sparks performs at a VH1 Save the Music Foundation benefit this spring.

Like Sparks' debut, Battlefield leans heavily toward midtempo pop ballads with some songs skewing into R&B territory. The title track, produced and co-written by Ryan Tedder of OneRepublic, debuted at No. 23 on the Billboard Hot 100 the week after Sparks introduced it on Idol.

Another standout track is the Dr. Luke/T-Pain collaboration Watch You Go, the only song that features another artist. "It's got a slow, urban vibe," Sparks says of the song, "but don't worry — I don't think my voice is in AutoTune."

Choosing Battlefield as the first single was a bold decision, since the song finds Sparks straying from her cheery demeanour and singing assertively about the dark side of love.

Her new manager says it fit with their strategy to present Sparks in a new light.

"Jordin started out as the youngest American Idol winner and had all the blessings that come with that," says Kevin Jonas, who's also the manager (and father) of the Jonas Brothers and handles Sparks with his partner Phil McIntyre. "But now it's important for Jordin to tell everyone, 'I am a strong woman and I have something to say.'" REUTERS

Brown pleads guilty to Rihanna assault

COURT APPEARANCE R&B singer Chris Brown pleaded guilty yesterday in Los Angeles to assaulting his former girlfriend, pop star Rihanna in an agreement with prosecutors that calls for him to spend five years of probation. Brown, 20, entered the plea at a preliminary hearing in a Los Angeles courtroom. He had been accused of assaulting and making criminal threats against Rihanna in February. There was no plea agreement on the threat charge and a formal sentencing was scheduled for Aug. 5. REUTERS

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Transformers director blasts studio efforts

FILM Powerhouse Hollywood director Michael Bay, who returns to theatres worldwide tomorrow with a Transformers sequel, has blasted the marketing efforts of the film's studio, Paramount Pictures. In a memo sent last month to top brass at the Viacom Inc unit, and published Sunday by celebrity gossip Web site TMZ.com, Bay complained there was no buzz surrounding Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.

"Right now we are not an event. We are just a sequel, which is very different. There is no anticipation," he wrote. Bay added that advance word on the $200 million US robot extravaganza in major publications had been an "abject failure." REUTERS

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Kenya Hunt
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Being Erica
Who says there are no do-overs? The title character of this comedy-drama is learning otherwise. Erica (Erin Karpluk) is in her early 30s and living with the consequences of some bad decisions. But a new therapist (Michael Riley) gives her the power to go back in time and make some changes, which don't always turn out as planned. In this episode, she goes back to high school to attempt to right an old wrong. 9 PM on CBC

America's Got Talent
Britain may have YouTube sensation Susan Boyle, but the colonies can serve up their own memorable (and sometimes bizarre) previously undiscovered acts. The blockbuster talent show is back for a fourth season with a new host — comic Nick Cannon — and returning judges David Hasselhoff, Sharon Osbourne and Piers Morgan as contestants compete for a $1 million grand prize, plus invaluable national exposure. 9 PM on NBC. VI

Baby sister for Griffiths family

It's "brother and sisters" for the kids of actress Rachel Griffiths and hubby Andrew Taylor. A rep for the star of ABC's Brothers and Sisters confirmed to People that a new daughter will join daughter Adelaide Rose and son Banjo Patrick. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Anna elopes?

MARRIAGE Actress Anna Faris and her fiancé, Chris Pratt, headed to Maui this past weekend to elope in a secret ceremony, according to sources for the Superficial. They were later spotted playing in the water, making faces at the paparazzi.

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Loud Lindsay

SHHH Lindsay Lohan is officially too loud — and she has the citation to prove it. According to TMZ, Lohan's Hollywood Hills neighbours grew so frustrated by her partying that they called police on her. Cops arrived at her home at 4:20 a.m. Sunday and issued her a ticket for excessive noise.

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Black-Eyed Perez dust-up

DRAMA Police have made an arrest after celebrity blogger Perez Hilton claims he was give a black eye by the Black Eyed Peas' manager following the MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto on Sunday night.

Immediately after the attack, Hilton wrote on Twitter: "I was assaulted by will.i.am of the Black Eyed Peas and his security guards. I am bleeding. Please, I need to file a police report. No joke."

Will.i.am was quick to respond, posting a video message on his own website, claiming he merely spoke to the blogger after Hilton made "disrespectful" comments about his Black Eyed Peas bandmate Fergie.

Later, in a video posted online, Hilton — whose real name is Mario Lavandeira — alleges it was Black Eyed Peas manager Polo Molina that punched him.

Toronto police have charged Liborio Molina, 36, with one count of assault. He's set to appear in court Aug. 5 in Toronto.

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Paris just summer fling: Cristiano

PUBLIC REJECTION Cristiano Ronaldo has lost interest in Paris Hilton, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The soccer star and the hotel heiress spent the night together earlier this month and vowed to keep their romance alive.

But less than two weeks after their passionate liaison, Ronaldo, 23, claims he doesn't have time for the 28-year-old Hilton.

Ronaldo said: "She was a really cool girl and we had a great time talking. I am a young man and Paris a young lady, and us talking in a club is just what normal people our age do.

"She lives thousands of miles away and is busy, and I am busy in Madrid so I am not sure if we will be able to see each other. I am just making the most of the short summer I get."

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Kate throws fit (and laptop)

CRAZY GIRLFRIEND Dating a temperamental supermodel can be bad for business, especially if you're Jamie Hince from The Kills. During a fight, his girlfriend, Kate Moss, reportedly threw his laptop into a swimming pool, according to the Mirror.

Unfortunately, the computer held six newly recorded songs by his band that weren't backed up anywhere else.

"Jamie was speechless," a source said. "He waded into the water to fish the bag out, and tried to resuscitate the laptop." But the pair worked it out. "After much grovelling from Kate, they kissed and made up — and even saw the funny side of it. Kate's buying him a new computer."

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New Pitt flick gets the axe

DOWNTURN There's no such thing as a sure thing — apparently even in Hollywood, people.com reports. Only days before actor Brad Pitt's new movie, the baseball drama Moneyball, was due to get rolling, Columbia Pictures pulled the plug on the production, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The trade paper says studio head Amy Pascal axed the film Friday after several changes had been made to the script since it was first approved.

Moneyball is based on Michael Lewis' book about the Oakland Athletics and their general manager Billy Beane — who put together a star Major League team despite lacking a major bank account.

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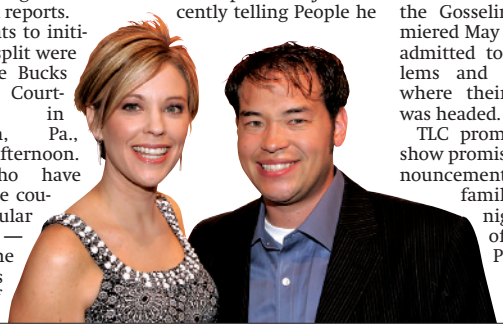
Jon and Kate divorcing

IT'S OVER After months of speculation, the 10-year marriage of Jon & Kate Plus 8's stars Kate and Jon Gosselin is coming to an end, people.com reports.

Documents to initiate a legal split were filed at the Bucks County Courthouse in Doylestown, Pa., Monday afternoon.



Fans who have watched the couple's popular TLC show — or read the voluminous coverage of the Gosselin marriage in the press — will hardly be surprised: The duo had long maintained a tense relationship, with Jon recently telling People he wanted a less high-profile life, while Kate appeared to remain committed to their TV career.

When the fifth season of the Gosselins' show premiered May 25, the couple admitted to having problems and not knowing where their relationship was headed.

TLC promotions of the show promised a major announcement about the family on last night's episode of Jon & Kate Plus 8.

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Ryan and Farrah to tie the knot

LAST ROMANCE Ryan O'Neal says he and longtime love Farrah Fawcett are tying the knot, usmagazine.com reports.

"I've asked her to marry me, again, and she's agreed," O'Neal, 68, told Barbara Walters for an exclusive 20/20 interview airing Friday. O'Neal says Fawcett — who was diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006 — is now "fighting for her life."

But he says they'll wed "as soon as she can say yes. ... Maybe we can just nod her head."

"I promise you, we will," he told Walters. "Absolutely."

The actor says he and Fawcett have even joked about what he'll wear for the ceremony, kidding that he'll dress "like a gigolo. You know? And a little thin mustache and slicked-back hair. I don't know. We have fun, we tease about that."

The two — who have 24-year-old son Redmond — have been together since 1980.

"I used to ask her to marry me all the time," O'Neal told Walters. "But ... it just got to be a joke, you know. We just joked about it."

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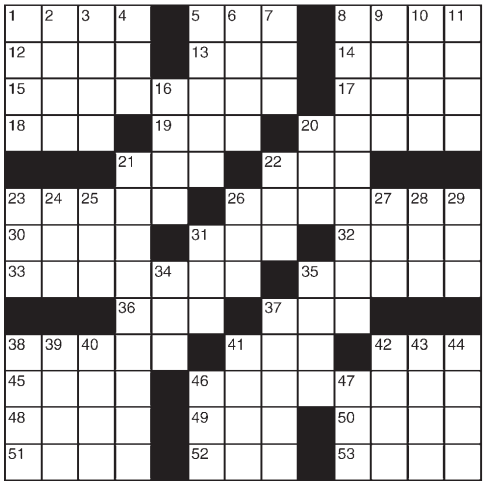

Crossword across

1 BLT enhancer
5 Miss. neighbour
8 "Ali —"
12 Vaccine type
13 Dog's doc
14 Somewhere out there
15 Game birds
17 Advanced math
18 Scot's refusal
19 Disencumber
20 Snapshot
21 Auction action
22 Lustrous black
23 Liechtenstein's capital
26 Persuaded
30 Sailor's greeting
31 Heathcliff, e.g.
32 "— Only Just Begun"
33 She wrote "Give me your tired, your poor, ..."
35 Under a spell
36 Big shot
37 Up to, briefly
38 Ricochet
41 Peruke
42 Omega preceder
45 From the beginning
46 One who keeps late hours
48 Protuberance
49 Blond shade
50 Orsk's river
51 Carbon compound
52 Wager
53 Pleads

Crossword down

1 Cut, as a lawn
2 Soprano's solo
3 Harvard rival
4 On in years
5 Dodge
6 Lecherous
7 Pac. counterpart
8 Terry-cloth item
9 Roundish hairstyle
10 Lure
11 Jason's ship
16 Looney Tunes animator Freleng
20 Corral
21 "Wheel of Fortune" option
22 Write in the margins
23 Actor Kilmer
24 "Eureka!"
25 Florist's qty.
26 Existed
27 Irritate
28 Previous night
29 Scarlet
31 Recipe measure
34 Edge
35 Lofty
37 Snug
38 Walking stick
39 In due time
40 Start over
41 Sagacious
42 Skin opening
43 Booty
44 Troubles
46 Apprehend
47 Three-man vessel?

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	2			1			3	
		9	7		8	1		
5								8
9		3				4		5
			4		7			
7		2				6		3
4								2
		5	9		1	8		
	8			6			5	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

8	7	9	3	5	2	4	6	1
2	3	5	4	6	1	9	8	7
1	4	6	8	7	9	3	2	5
4	6	3	1	2	5	8	7	9
5	9	2	7	3	8	1	4	6
7	1	8	9	4	6	2	5	3
3	5	7	2	1	4	6	9	8
6	8	4	5	9	3	7	1	2
9	2	1	6	8	7	5	3	4

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Pita Pizzas

INGREDIENTS:
Oil for greasing
2 whole-wheat pita breads
3 tbsp (45 ml) ketchup
1/2 tsp (2 ml) Tabasco sauce
2oz (55 g) each of Mozzarella, mature Cheddar, and Pont-l'Évêque, Chaumes or Oka cheese
1 medium red onion
2 medium tomatoes
1/2 large red or green pepper
1 clove garlic
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
4 black olives

GARNISH:
A few sprigs each of fresh marjoram and basil,
2 tsp (10 ml) Parmesan cheese

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Lightly oil baking sheet. Open pitas and split in half with sharp knife.
2. Mix ketchup with Tabasco sauce. Spread some on each pita half and arrange on baking sheet.
3. Grate Mozzarella and Cheddar cheese together and sprinkle over pitas.
4. Slice or dice Pont-l'Évêque, Chaumes or Oka cheese and spread evenly over grated cheese.
5. Peel onion and slice into thin wedges. Rinse and dry tomatoes and pepper. Slice tomato into rounds. Deseed and finely chop pepper. Arrange onion and tomatoes on top of cheese and scatter with chopped pepper.
6. Peel and crush garlic, mix with olive oil and drizzle over pizzas. Place one olive in centre of each and bake on top shelf of oven for 10 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, rinse and dry herbs, strip off leaves and put into bowl. Add Parmesan and mix.
8. Remove pitas from oven, sprinkle with herbs and Parmesan mixture, and serve hot. **SERVES 2**

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Do you get the feeling that you should be doing more and doing better? Maybe you should start listening more to your inner voice.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It would be nice to believe that no one means you harm, that everyone is on your side, but that's unlikely to be true.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may need to remind certain people today that you are a free-spirited Gemini and that if they want to be part of your inner circle, they need to give you space.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today's Sun-Pluto opposition urges you to consolidate the gains you have made in recent weeks.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
If you want to salvage a friendship that is on the rocks you are going to have to apologize for some of the things you said.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Some things are worth getting worked up about and some things are not. Do you know the difference? It's time to put a petty dispute behind you.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have been drifting along without a care in the world of late but the current cosmic picture urges you to get serious about work and family.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
The time has come to make up your mind what it is you want most out of life and to focus all your energies on getting it.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
There may be a thousand and one things you should be doing but if your inner voice tells you to hold off on them for a while, you would be wise to listen.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
With the Sun in your opposite sign of Cancer at odds with Pluto today you should be on your guard for power struggles both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Routine chores seem to be taking up a lot of your time at the moment and the situation may get worse later in the week.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Try not to spread yourself too thin today. You may think you can do it all but your body and your brain will regret it if you push yourself too hard.

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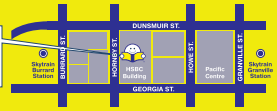

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